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1. The following were present:

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Mr. Clinton
Major Jacobson
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Major Malone
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State
Army
Navy
Air Force
CIA (Vice Chairman)

2. Chapter I on Iran

The Vice Chairman reported that comments had been received from the Agencies on the page proofs of Chapter I on NIS 33 (Iran), and that corrected proofs had been sent to GPO for final printing on 3 June 1954. The published Chapter should be out before the end of the month.

Members were asked to continue their study of this first Chapter I with a view to determining wherein improvement might be made in future Chapters. It was suggested that the views of others in the Agencies be obtained after this Chapter has been distributed and that any significant comments be submitted to the Committee for consideration.

3. Section 45

Copies of the report of the working subcommittee on Section 45 were distributed to the members who approved in principle the findings of this working committee that "... it appears that CIA (OSI) is the proper agency to coordinate the production of Section 45 with possible assistance of the Public Health Service which matter will be further explored by OSI". The Vice Chairman stated that OSI was examining its capabilities for assuming these additional responsibilities and would make its position known to the Committee at an early date. When necessary arrangements have been completed the matter will again be presented to the NIS Committee for action on the transfer of production responsibility.

4. Supplement V

The Vice Chairman reported that the Supplement V subcommittee is still studying the proposed revision of the Outline and Outline Guide for an expanded Section 62-C. A final report will be submitted to the NIS Committee when agreement has been reached.

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5. Request [REDACTED] for Chapter IX, NIS 39

The State member reaffirmed his Agency's approval, and the Army and Air Force members submitted their recommendations in writing on the release of Chapter IX of NIS 39 (China) [REDACTED] as set forth in paragraph 5 of the Chapter IX Coordinator's memorandum dated 9 April 1954. (See NIS Committee Meeting No. 170). The Navy member requested another day in which to obtain a definite answer from the Hydrographic Office. The Vice Chairman requested the Air Force member to obtain clarification on item b of the above mentioned memorandum to be used as a basis for giving specific instructions to the Chapter IX coordinator. All members concurred in the release of this Chapter to [REDACTED]

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6. Key Personalities

a. The Vice Chairman reported that "Key Personalities, USSR" will be completed some time this month and will be published during July. He requested the members to submit the requirements of their Agencies for this particular element by the end of June.

b. The State member reported that in his opinion it would be possible to do one "Key Personalities" element each year for the major areas, in addition to converting any Sections 59 on Maintenance to a "Key Personalities" type format. [There are three Sections 59 (Maintenance) scheduled for FY 1955- NIS 77 (Panama), NIS 18 (Czechoslovakia), and NIS 41 (Korea)]. While State has given some consideration to NIS 39 (China) as the next area to receive the enlarged "Key Personalities" treatment, other areas for which this treatment might be considered are: France, Italy, [REDACTED] Korea, and Turkey.

The Vice Chairman pointed out that Army, Navy, and Air Force would be called upon to contribute to the "Key Personalities" element whether it be maintenance on published Sections 59, or an element on an area for which Section 59 has not yet been produced. Members were requested, therefore, to determine the views of their respective agencies with respect to the areas on which production of the "Key Personalities" element should be undertaken, and the order in which they should be produced, and report these views at the next meeting of the NIS Committee.

7. NIS Areas Controlled in Their Entirety

The Vice Chairman referred to IAC D-45/12 and the list contained therein of NIS areas on which NIS are restricted to US OFFICIALS ONLY. He explained that this list was prepared in the early days of the NIS Program (October 1949), and that it was based upon proposals received from the IAC Agencies and reflected, therefore, the positions of these agencies with respect to control of NIS on the areas listed. This position was reaffirmed by the IAC Agencies in the approval of IAC D-45/12 dated 16 June 1952, and in subsequent approvals of revisions of this directive. However, from questions raised by several members

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of the Committee it appears desirable to re-examine this list at this time to determine if revision is necessary. It was the consensus of the Committee that such re-examination should be undertaken, and the members agreed to consult their respective agencies and submit recommendations for Committee consideration.

8. Chapters I for FY 1956

Copies of a list showing the NIS Areas that will be 70% complete or over at the end of FY 1955 were distributed to the members. This list also shows the sections that will be outstanding at the end of FY 1955. Members were requested to include as many of these sections as possible in the proposals for the FY 1956 schedule with a view to bringing production on these areas to a state of completion which will permit scheduling of Chapters I. Members were requested to give consideration to the areas on which Chapter I production might be scheduled for FY 1956 and be prepared to discuss the matter at the next meeting of the Committee. In response to a question by the State member the Vice Chairman stated that D/B was prepared to handle six Chapters I per year.

The Vice Chairman reminded the members that the proposed FY 1956 production schedules for planning purposes are due in by 1 July 1954. The consolidated schedule for FY 1956 will then be compiled for distribution at the 13 July meeting of the NIS Committee.

9. Miscellany

A. The Navy member stated that in his Agency's preparation to take over the coordination responsibility for Chapter VIII (Armed Forces) a question had arisen as to whether it would be feasible to include maintenance on Sections 81 through 83 in Section 80 since this is the last section produced, and there is considerable time lag in some cases between the production of this section and some of the related sections. He suggested that if this was considered feasible for Chapter VIII, it might warrant adoption of this treatment for the "O" (Introduction) sections in other NIS Chapters as well.

After discussion there was general agreement that it would not be feasible to include any maintenance revisions of related sections in the "O" section of the NIS Chapter. However, if some aspect of a subject was not covered, or only partially covered in the related section and some pertinent information has since become available, this may be worked into the "O" section. Likewise, if some significant change has occurred subsequent to the publication of a related section this may be brought out in the "O" section with a footnote if necessary calling attention to the fact that the information is of more recent date than that presented in the related sections. While it is desirable to have the "O" sections present the current situation so far as possible, it was agreed that care must be taken to insure that the inclusion of information in these sections which does not appear in related elements is kept within reasonable bounds.

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B. In response to a query from the Army member it was pointed out that in order to provide a smooth working organization for the production of Chapters I some one individual in each Agency should be given responsibility for monitoring all Chapter I material produced by his Agency. That individual could keep abreast of all developments on this element, and the experience gained in continuing work with this Chapter would enable him to brief the analysts on requirements during the preparation of the material which should result in substantial improvement in quality of contributions.

C. In response to an inquiry from the Army member, the Vice Chairman reported that the dissemination to the Department of Agriculture with respect to Chapter II is exactly in accordance with the letter of justification submitted by that Agency. (See NIS Committee Meeting No. 165).

D. The Army member requested a Chapter VII production forecast covering NIS areas which would require: 1) full Chapter VII coverage with a Section 17; 2) no Chapter VII coverage, but a Section 17; or, 3) no scientific coverage. The Vice Chairman will request a forecast along these lines from the Scientific Estimates Committee for dissemination to the NIS Committee members.

10. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held on Tuesday, 13 July 1954 at 1000 hours.

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